**Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club Board meeting online meeting November 24, 2020**

Meeting started at 7:05 Steve Wort.

**Attendance** Jason Frisk, (JF) Gerrie Hashisaki (GH) Steven Wort, (SW), Eli Holmes (EH), Tracy Landboe,(TL) Justine Barton,(JB) Karla Ogle,(KO) and Kathryn Orr (KOR) and Liz Graf-Brennen, (LGB)

**Minutes**: Last month’s minutes were reviewed. JB No corrections or edits. Minutes were accepted as published by all present.

**Financial report** by (GH) Gerrie reported – No new information to report except a small expense for flowers were sent out to John Flyn’s family. Sadly, John passed. He and his daughter were members for many years.

**Fundraising report** –(JB) Justine Barton stated the only fundraising currently ongoing is for the new boathouse campaign/Eric Hughes Challenge which will be discussed later in the agenda.

**Communication** – (KOR) Kathryn is sending out updated posts for giving Tuesday to draw more attraction to the new boat house campaign. She is coordinating with Tami on posts on both Instagram and Facebook. GH asked if we could have more email communication especially for our older club members who may not use social media sites. Justine informed the board about the fundraising emails and pledge cards which will be going out soon as part of the fundraising for the new boat house. EH mentioned people are asking her about what is happening with the project. She also did not see the fundraising emails which were sent earlier. KO found the emails showed up in her junk email not main email…they were auto sorted to a promotions folder. A discussion was had about how to reduce this form occurring. SW suggested we communicate with people first to let them know to expect the email so the know to look for it. It was decided it would be a good idea to do a reminder and follow up to club members, so they look for the email. The original Eric Hughes challenge emails were sent on November17th and 21st.

**Sprint Team/competition report** – EH – Informed the board there are athletes who are training independently for events such as the Pan Am games US Trials to be on March 19-21, 2021 at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota, FL. The plan is to also have events for the younger age groups in U14, U16, and U18 in single, double and fours. Junior/U23 Team Boat Camp of a program that’s under development now. We’re going to try to get team boats together several times throughout the off-season. If you would like to have input about this program, or discuss any other topic, please contact Dan at dhenderson@americancanoe.org or by phone at 425-785-7419.Because Olympic Trials is so early, Junior Trials will be later in the year, probably early June.

**New boat house report** – JF Jason Frisk Reported the new date for the New boat house to go out to bid is now the 9th of December. He is looking into a new kayak rack system which is double sided. Each system will store 3-4 kayaks. Collecting bids for possible new rack system. Some good news is that another $75,000 came in for the new boat house via the rowing community this week. More is on its way with the kick off of our fundraiser.

**New boat house fundraising report** – JB Justine Barton reported the committee had a meeting on 11/10 to discuss how the donations would be handled. All our questions were answered. So far $5,575 has been donated. A draft was just finished for the mailer and card which will go out to mail in early December. She encouraged everyone to click on the fundraiser and take a look at the page. Originally the plan was for a 2-week fundraising push ending on Tuesday December 1st. However, things are moving slower than expected and we will run the fundraiser up until the Christmas holiday week with the goal to have everything wrapped up by the end of the year.

**Small craft center report** JF- Jason is trying to set up a schedule to keep our staff and programs for the future. He has proposed several plans to the city and parks over the past months. For example, a scholarship for senior programs, and a virtual 1 day a week phase 2 1-2 days a week conditioning program followed by if we get back to phase 3 having participants back on the water in February. Sadly, with the uptick in viral infections all plans were shot down. All programs are currently closed for the next 30 -60 days. hope to get everything moved out of the boat houses. JF will give us a heads up when we will be needed to move our equipment out for the demolition and new construction. A Covid-19 safe plan will be put into place beforehand to ensure everyone’s safety. Tuesdays,Wednesdays, and Thursdays are my work days for now. LGB asked about the new door which will have to be installed. Jason explained we will have to wait and see with parks staff spread very thin and scattered all over the place.

**Other business** (all)– SW went around

Karla Ogle – asked about a meeting in December. No Christmas dinner this year. JF said it would be good idea and lets hope we have some good news. December 15th was set as the date for the meeting

Kathryn Orr – no new business

Gerrie Hashisaki – Mentioned we need more new board members and we should be thinking about this for the future. Also asked if there was a way we could set up some small programs JF informed the group everything is currently shut down with Covid-19 infections going up. She also mentioned we set aside a date for a board retreat in the future.

Justine – after the boat house campaign is over setting up a time for a retreat. How we want to be set up in the future, new programs etc.. February most likely. Start brainstorming about what you would like to see. JF mentioned he knew a guy who could facilitate such a meeting. Pre planning and ready to go and JF will put him in contact with Steve. Saturday time.

Tracy – mentioned the retreat

Liz – nothing

Eli – nothing

Justine – nothing

No further business.

Proposal to end the meeting was held, all agreed and the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting ended at 8:05 pm